United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal Security Message for U.S. Citizens Increased Police Activity in Vicinity of Sea Plaza

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Avoid the area around Sea Plaza and Radisson Blue until further notice. Traffic is problematic as police are controlling access to areas in vicinity of the mall/hotel. The increased police activity is due to an apparent threat which is currently being investigated. The Embassy will send out an update once additional information has been obtained.

For further information:

- · See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information</u>.
- Enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program** (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
- · Follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the Department of State's **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)**. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

In addition, if you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to DakarACS@state.gov for additional information.

Regularly monitor the State Department's <u>website</u>, where you can find current <u>Travel</u> <u>Warnings</u>, <u>Travel Alerts</u>, and the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>. Read the <u>Country Specific</u> <u>Information</u> for Senegal and neighboring countries. For additional information, refer to the <u>Traveler's Checklist</u> on the State Department's website.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thrusday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444 and ask to speak to the duty officer. You can stay in touch and get Embassy updated by checking the U.S. Embassy website or by sending an email message to DakarACS@state.gov.